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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND,......1,200,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS. Chairman-F. D. Sassoon, Esq. Deputy Chairman-W. H. Forses, Esq. E. R. BELILIOS, Esq. | A. McIver, Esq. H. L. DALBYMPLE, WILHELM REINERS, W. S. Young, Enq. H. Hoppius, Esq. Hon, W. KERWICK,

CHIEF MANAGER. Hongkong,.....THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER. Shanghai, Ewen Cameron, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS .- London and County

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED. N Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent, per annum on the daily

For Fixed Deposits :-For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum. 4 per cent ,, ,, 5 per cent.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED. Credits granted on approved Securities and every description of Banking and

Exchange business transacted. Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T, JACKSON, Chief Manager. Offices of the Corporation,

No. 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

DATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS. 3 months' notice 8% per Annum.

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office, D. A. J. CROMBIE. Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUS. TRALIA, AND CHINA.

Bankere. THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong

grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

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On Current Accounts, 2 per cent, per annum on the daily balance. Or Fixed Derosits.

For 8 months, 3 per cent, per simuid. 4 per cent. p per centi

For Sale.

FOR SALE. TIME NEW FIGS, direct from Smyrna. Brazil and Barcelona NUTS. LETTS'S DIARIES for 1879. Central and Pin Fire CARTRIDGE

CASES. CLOTH and FELT GUN-WADS. American PARLOUR and COOKING

STOVES. COAL SQUITLES, new designs. FENDERS and FIRE IRONS. COCOA MATTING. TAPESTRY CARPET.

DOOR MATS. California LAMBSWOOL BLANKETS. WHITNEY BLANKETS.

REP and other TABLE JOVERS, Fancy Patterns. TABLE LINEN. Fine TURKISH TOWELS.

LINEN SHEETING. PILLOW GREEN and MARONE REP. FLANNEL SHIRTINGS.

FANOY FLANNEL for Gents'. Suits. NAVY BLUE SERGE. CLOTH TROWSER LENGTHS, Assorted Patterns. ALBUMS, in great variety.

CRUMB BRUSHES and TRAYS. CHUBB'S CASH and DEED BOXES. VEYRON'S AUTOMATIC COFFEE MACHINES.

COFFEE ROASTERS. TREMBLING CALL BELLS. IMPERIAL TRACING CLOTH. DESSERT, DINNER and BREAK-

FAST SERVICES. TABLE GLASSWARE, of every Description.

FOLDING CHAIRS. Olgars, CIGARETTES. KELLY'S FAMOUS CUT TOBACCOS. HOUSEHOLD STORES, of every De-

scription. CLARET in Casks. MALT. HOPS. CAUSTIC SODA, CANADIAN POTASH.

LIME. &c., &c., &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO. Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

STULTZ, HAS JUST RECEIVED PER "CYPHRENES,"

HAS FOR SALE-NEW PATTERNS in CARPETS. WINDOW CURTAINS of all kinds. TABLE CLOTHS & TABLE NAPKINS HATS IN EVERY STYLE. DRESS BOOTS, and SHOES.

88 and 90, Queen's Road Central. Hougkong, December 11, 1878.

NOW READY.

CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts I. and II., A to M, with Introduction. Royal 8vo., pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D. Tübingen.

Price: FIVE DOLLARS, OF TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF per Part.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghal, Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

NOTICE. TO CAPTAINS REQUIRING SEA STOOK, BEEF! BEEF!

Ship "Commissary."

24 Tierces PRIME INDIA MESS gain on the above Ship. Prices Moderate. Hongkong, December 24, 1878.

> WASHING BOOKS. (In English and Chinese:)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office. - Price, \$1 each. CHINA MAIL Office.

- intimations.

DENTAL NOTICE.

TR. ROGERS has Returned and Now Ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS at No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD. Hongkong, November 28, 1878.

NOTICE.

TN Consequence of the Fire, NAM HING LOONG has REMOVED to No. 6. STANLEY STREET, Where Business will be Conducted as usual.

Hongkoug, December 28, 1878,

For Sale.

ARRIVALS.

WITOOLLEN SOCKS, DRAWERS and UNDERSHIRTS. LETTS'S DÍARIES. LETTS'S DIARIES. RIDING WHIPS, BRIDLES and PONY HARNESS. RUG STRAPS, YORK HAMS, CHIT BOOKS. HORSE CLIPPERS, FILTERS, SILBER LAMPS. French and English BOOTS and SHOES. The New Patent LIFE VESTS. PONY HARNESS, CHUBB'S FIREPROOF SAFES.

WORKS OF REFERENCE, California APPLES. HAIR BRUSHES, BILLIARD CLOTHS. COPYING PRESSES, CHRISTY'S HATS. SCARFS, COLLARS, KID GLOVES. FOOD WARMERS, CIGARETTES. CRICKET BATS, BALLS, GLOVES, &c.

PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS. BATH TOWELS, PAINT BOXES. DAMASK for Table Cloths, STATIONERY, PATENT WATER CLOSETS, POCKET BOOKS. DOG COLLARS and CHAINS, TENNIS BALLS.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS, VALISES. Ladies' and Gentlemen's DRESSING BAGS, Fitted. AIR CUSHIONS, BILLIARD BALLS. SHORT SNIDERS with SWORD BAYONETS. GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by FOSTER. BASS'S ALE,

Bass in Hhds., SACCONE'S SHERRIES.

SALAMANDERS for Heating Baths.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, January 9, 1879.

intimations.

G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS.

JEWELLERS. NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.

48, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, December 20, 1878.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

EXTRA STEAMER TO CANTON.

HE "KIN-SHAN" will make a Trip to CANTON and Back on SUNDAY Next, the 19th Instant, leaving Hongkong CARBOLIC ACID. CHLORYDE OF at 8 a.m., and Canton at 4 p.m.

By Order, P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 15, 1879.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED:

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

HE Twenty-Fifth Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be Held at the Office of the Company, No. 50 A, Queen's Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 29th Instant, at 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of Receiving a Report of the Directors, fel3 together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Director and Auditors.

By Order of the Board of Directors. P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 10, 1870.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTIOE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 29th Instant, inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors, P. A. DA COSTA,

__Secretary. Hongkong, January 10, 1879.

PLEASE NOTICE.

TAR. H. SCHUREN begu to advertise that he will leave this Colony for EUROPE on or about the 8th of March next, and that therefore no Photos, can be taken by him after the 28th of February. Hongkong, January 13, 1879.

ROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DR EASTLACKE will receive his DE EASTLACKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL Hongkong, September 28, 1878.

HUTCHINGS begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply

BEEF, MUTTON, &co., from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support. SHOP - WELLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.

Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

intimations.

MOORE & Co., "VARIETY STORE," NEWS AGENTS AND TOBACCONISTS. No. 42, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

HE Company's Steamer "ICHANG" will make an Fxtra Trip to CANTON on BUNDAY Next, the 19th instant, leaving Hongkong at 8 a.m., and Canton at 4 p.m.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, January 16, 1879. NOTICE.

FALCONER & Co. beg to an. O nounce that, during DECEMBER and

under the Usual Prices. Just Arrived from England, an Elegant ASSORTMENT TITELLVER CUPS, suitable for REGATTA OF RACE MEETINGS.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878. HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS STORAGE.

COODS RECEIVED on STORAGE Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick

MEYER & Co., Proprietors. Hongkong, November 29, 1878.

NOTICE. THE Head Office of the CHINESE IN-SURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

is This Day REMOVED to No. 39, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. J. BRADLEE SMITH. General Agent,

Hongkong, December 30, 1878. HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION of the SOCIETY will take place about the middle of FEBRUARY next. The Days of Exhibition will be advertised

at an early date. W. M. B. ARTHUR, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, December 13, 1878.

NOTIOE

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

SEVENTH RETURN of CAPITAL at the Rate of TWO TAELS per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of Record on the 8th January, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on WED-NESDAY, the 15th January.

Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 18th January, inclusive.

By Order, RUSSELL & Co. Liquidators. Shanghal, January 4, 1879.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

SATURDAY, the 18th January, 1879, at Noon, at No. 1, Albany, the Residence of Mossis Olyphant & Co.,

the whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising:-

English-made Walnut Drawing-Room Black Walnut Bookcase, Marble-top Tables, Pier Glasses, Engravings,

Bronzes, &c. Blackwood Dining Table and Carved Marble top Sideboard.

Morocco-covered Chairs, Whatnots, Dinner and Breakfast Sets, Hand Painted Dessert Sets, Glass and Plated Ware. 1 Set Silver Ware. English-made Mahogany Wardrobe with Plate Glass Door, Bedsteads, Chest

of Drawers, Writing Table, Marble-top

Washstand and Dressing Table, and Books. One PIANO, by CHIKERING.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Friday, the 17th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE, -As customary. J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 10, 1879. PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs BIRLEY & Co. to sell by Public Auction, by Order of the Mortgagees, on or about on SUNDAY, the 19th Instant, at Daylight. the 20th January, 1879, the 1st Class

IRON SCREW STEAMSHIP

"AMERICA," of 563 Tons Net Register, Built in 1873 by Mesers. J. and R. Swan, of Dumbarton, and Engined by Messrs. Top and McGregor, of Glasgow, with Compound Vertical Direct Acting Surface-Condens JANUARY Next, they will offer their Large ing Engines of 90 Horse-Power (nominal), and Magnificent Stock of JEWELLERY, working up to 450 H.-P. effectual; Con-WATCHES, CLOCKS, SILVER and sumption of Coal (Cardiff), about 8 Tons; ELECTRO-PLATE, &c., &c., Considerably Speed, about 8 Knots; Capacity of Bunkers, 180 Tons; Diameter of Cylinders, 25 and 48 inches; Boiler Multitubular; Length 210 feet 3 in.; Breadth, extreme, 26 feet 7 in.; Depth of Hold, Tonnage Deck to Ceiling, 20 feet 91 in.; fel Spar Deck, Deck to Deck, 6 feet 7 in.; Draft, light, 9 feet.; loaded, 17 feet.; D. W. Capacity, including Bunkers, 1,100 Tons, or 16,500 Piculs exclusive of Bunkers; Class. Lloyds 90 A1; Water Ballast; 'Tween Decks laid; 3 Steam Winches, and HARFIELD's Patent Windlass; Saloon amidships for 10 Cabin Passengers and Cabin aft. for 3. Boilers retubed in Hongkong in June, and the Hull and Machinery now in first-class

Spare Engine Gear and Coal to be

SOLD SEPARATELY. For further Particulars, apply to Messis. Birley & Co., or the Auction-EERS, where Inventory and Plan of the

Vessel can be seen. TERMS OF SALE .- Half Cash on fall of the hammer. The Balance on completion of Transfer, expenses of which are to be borne by the Purchaser. The Ship and Inventory, with all faults and errors of description, to be at the I urchaser's risk

at fall of the hammer. HUGHES & LEGGE, Auctioneers. Hongkong, November 18, 1878. ja20

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from E. DE LAGRENE, Esq., French Consul of Canton, to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 28th day of January, 1879, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,-Sundry EFFECTS, belonging to the Estate of the late Captain Longueville, comprising :-

A large collection of BOOKS. A collection of Chinese, Japanese, Corean, and Annamite COINS. Aneroid, Sextant, Microscopes, Telescopes, Binoculars, Medicine Chest, Breech-loading and Needle Rifles and Fowling-Pieces, Spencer Repeating Rifles, Pistols, and Cartridges.

Vases, Bronzes, Ornaments, Catalogues will be issued. Trems of Sale. - As customary.

Auctioneer. Hongkong, January 10, 1879.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND

CALCUTTA. The Steamer "JAPAN," Captain T. S. GARDNER, will

leave this for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 18th Instant, at 3 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents. Hongkong, January 10, 1879. ja18

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship "VENICE. Captain P. L. RHODE, will leave for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 18th Instant, at 8 o'clock Afternoon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. Hungkong, January 15, 1879. FOR MANILA. The Steamship

"ESMERALDA,

on SATURDAY, the 18th Instant, at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to ___RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 16, 1879. - ja18

Capt. Cullen, will be de-

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW. The Steamship "KWANGTUNG." Capt. PUNCHARD, will be despatched for the above Ports

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, January 14, 1879. FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE,

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and

taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.) The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "NORMANBY" will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 27th Instant, at 2 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, January 11, 1879.

Sailing Vessels. FOR MANILA. The Spanish Schooner "NUEVO CONSTANTE." URIABTE, Master, will be despatched as above on SATUR-

DAY, the 18th Instant, at 5 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co. Hongkong, January 13, 1879.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Bark "J. H. INGERSOLL," Captain Dow, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

Hongkong, December 30, 1878. FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 British Ship "MIN-Y-DON." Captain Leslie, will load here for the above Port, and will

RUSSELL & Co.

have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, November 28, 1878.

FOR HAMBURG. * The 3/3 L. 1. 1. German Bark STEFFENS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, December 13, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK. The American Ship "FLEETWING." Guest, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co, Hongkong, December 3, 1878.

Notices of Firms.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND OHINA.

TY Order of the Court of Directors I have To-day HANDED OVER CHARGE of this BRANCH to Mr JAMES SOMER-VILLE.

WILLIAM FORREST. Manager.

Hongkong, January 16, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on he 31st December last.

Mr CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is admitted a Partner from This Date. RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP Co.

MR. J. J. HOWARD is hereby authorized to Story British rized to Sign Bills of Lading by the Company's Steamers.

> RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

NOTICE.

HAVE This Day Established myself as a PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT and AUDITOR. THOS. ARNOLD.

16, Bank Buildings, Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS hitherto Conducted by us at this Port, CANTON and SHANGHAI will be CONTINUED from This Date under the Style and Title of VOGEL & Co.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port and at CANTON as MER. CHANT and COMMISSION AGENT under the Firm or Style of PUSTAU

T. L. H. VON PUSTAU. Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

NOTIOE.

HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED myself as a COMMISSION MERCHANT, &c., at No. 2, Queen's Road, under the Style of "J. G. SMITH & Co."

J. GRANT SMITH. Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr OTTO BENECKE in our Firm CEASED on 31st December, 1878. CARLOWITZ & Co.

Canton, Hongkong January 1, 1879. fel and Shanghai,

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY OF JOHN GRANT SMITH and WIL LIAM DOLAN in our Firm CEASED on the 31st day of December, 1878.

MACEWEN, FRICKEL & Co. Dated this 31st day of December, 1878. f4

NOTICE.

TATE have Established a BRANCH of our Firm at SHANGHAL. ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co. Hongkong, December 31, 1878.

NOTICE.

Have This Day RESUMED my BUSI-NESS as MARINE SURVEYOR at this Port.

R. H. CAIRNS, Surveyor to Local Insurance Offices and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

Club Chambers, Hongkong, December 21, 1878.

NOTIOE.

HAVE This Day established myself as GENERAL and SHARE BROKER. CARL DENEKE,

Office, Bank Buildings, Hongkong, December 3, 1878,

NOTICE.

TTE have To-day entered into Partners ship under the Firm of DENEKE & GEORG as SHARE and GENERAL BROREES.

CARL DENEKE, ERIOH GEORG. Peddar's Hill, No. 2, Hongkong, January 15, 1879,

HOTIOE.

THE Undersigned being about to CLOSE his Firm at Swatow, hereby notifies that all DEBTS and ULAIMS due to or by him, he will Collect and Pay. The Interest and Good will of his Business has been transferred to Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

E. VINCENT.

Houskong, November 80, 1878.

NOTICE.

TOTICE is hereby given, that Messra DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. have This Day Established a BRANCH of their Firm at Swatow, and have authorized Mr G. D. PITMAN to Sign per Procuration, DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hengkong, Rorember 99, 1878,

Notices to Consignees

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND

SINGAPORE. -

THE S. S. Venice having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goodswith the exception of Opium-are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 18th Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. Hongkong, January 12, 1879.

NOTICE.

MONSIGNEES of Optional Cargo per Bark "PACIFIC SLOPE," from THEFOO, are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods. All Cargo unclaimed after Twenty-four Hours will be carried on to WHAMPOA in the Vessel.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 14, 1879

NORWEGIAN SHIP "SUMARLIDE, Captain Toblasen,

FROM HAMBURG.

HE above-named Vessel having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-

signees' risk and expense.

SIEMSSEN & Co., Agents.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

Hongkong, January 11, 1879.

MARITIMES.

TIGRE.

NOTICE.

TONSIGNEES of Cargo Gange, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-Monnow, the 15th Inst., at 10 a.m., requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after Tues-DAY, the 21st Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. No Figo Insurance has been effected.

L. HENNEQUIN. Actg. Agent. Hongkong, January 14, 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES , MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

MONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counteralgnature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. L. HENNEQUIN, Actg. Agent.

Ex "Pei Ho."

N M K (in diamond) 54/5 Imp. Aldridge V S C Salmon & Co., from London, 2 cases Millinery.

· Ex "Iraouaddy." G (in diamond) No. 1/3, Messrs Gilman & Co., 8 cases Granite, from London. Hongkong, January 3, 1879.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Meither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Creso of the following Vessels, during their stay tel | in Hongkong Harbour:-

FONTENAYE, British ship, Capt. Geo. B. Taylor. - Arnhold, Karberg & Co. COMMISSARY, British bhip, Captain A. Morison. - Meyer & Co. FANNY, French barque, Captain E. M.

Gouyo.—Landstein & Co. S. R. BEARCE, American barque, Capt. A. E. Oakos. -Russell & Co.

PRINCE ARTHUR, British barque, Capt. R. Wills. - Ohinese. MAID, of Judan, British barque, Capt,

Alfred W. Webb. - Rozario & Co. DAVINA, British barque, Captain Geo. Scott.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co. Pacific, German ateamer, Capt. Hern-sheim—Siemssen & Co.

Pricariti, American ship, Capt. Fowle.tissell & Co. Atraebo, Italian barque, Captain S.

Pittaluga, -- Borneo Co., Litalted.

To-day's Advertisements. OCCIDENTAL & OHIENTAL 8. 8.

COMPANY

NOTION.

MONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship OCEANIC, from San Francisco, &c., are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer will be landed and stored at Consignees

risk and expense. G. B. EMORY,

Hongkops, Japhary 17, 1879,

To-day's Advertisements.

WANTED ON BOTTOMRY.

BOUT \$7,000 on the SHIP, FREIGHT A and Cango of the Danish Barque "FLENSBORG," Capt. A. E. JACOBSEN, for the Voyage bence to CHEFOO. Offers will be Received at the Office of

the Undersigned till MONDAY, the 20th Instant, at Noon. EDUARD SCHELLHASS & Co.,

Agents of Danish Barque "Flensborg." Hongkong, January 17, 1879.

NOTICE. TR. ROBERT BERNHARD-has This IVI Day CRASED to be a Partner in our Business.

HEINEMANN & Co., Ship Brokers.

SHIPPING.

Hongkong, January 17, 1879.

Jan. 16, Amoy, British steamer, 814, G. H. Drewes, Shanghai Jan. 12, and Ningpo 18. General, -SIEMSSEN & Co.

Jan. 16, 8 p.m., Atalanta, German str., 782, G. Petersen, Halphong Jan. 12, and Holhow 15, General. - MEYER & Co. Jan. 17, Esmeralda, British steamer, 395, R. L. Cullen, Amoy Jan. 16, General --

Jan. 17. Oceanic, British steamer, 3700. Metcalfe, San Francisco Dec. 17, and Yokohama Jan. 10, General. - 0, & O, S, S. Co. Jan. 17, America, British steamer, 1000, Graham, Halphong Jan. 14, General, --LANDSTEIN & Co.

Jan. 17, Alfredo, Italian bazque, 909, S. Pittaluga, Cardiff Aug. 9, Coal. - Borneo Co., LIMITED.

DEPARTURES. 17, Min-y-don, for San Francisco. 17. Rajanattianuhar, for Bangkok. 17, Spartan, for Foochow, 17, Amoy, for Canton.

17. City of Tokio, for Yokohama and San Francisco. 17. Malwa, for Shaughal. 17. Helene, for Whampon,

17, Sunda, for Yokohama.

CLEARED. Laura R. Burnham, for Guam. Crusader, for Honolulu. Taiwan, for Chefoo. Stentor, for London, &c. Ching Too, for Takow. Yottung, for Swatow.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED. Per Amoy, from Shanghai via Ningpo Mr Brown, and 70 Chinese. Per Esmeralda, from Amoy, Mrs and Miss Williams, Miss M. Wyatt, and 50

Per Oceanic, from San Francisco, Dr. Kerr, Mr John Burrows, and 272 Chinese. Per Atalanta, from Hoihow, &c., 81 Chi-Per America, from Haiphong, 1 European, and 50 Chinese.

DEPARTED. Per Sunda, for Yokohama: from Hongkong, Messrs Hales, S. Hughes, G. F. Johnson, and 2 Natives; from Brindisi, H. R. H. Prince Hachisaki and Friend. Per Malwa, for Shanghal: from Hong-

kong. Mr Vernon and Troupe; from Venice, Mr C. Ismer. Per City of Tokio, for Yokobama, Mr C. F. Tremlett; for San Francisco, Mrs Gray, Miss Shepard, Mesars Alex Leith, J. Oyarzabal, J. Kramer, Bernhard, and Foster, and 76 Chinese.

Yer Rajanattianuhar, for Bangkok, 98

TO DEPART. Per Mongolia, from Shanghai : for Galle, Mr Tiffen and Mrs Randall ; for Melbourne, Mr E. Trelawny. From Yokohama : for Singapore, Mr Fletcher; for Southampton, Mr W. Milne. From Hongkong: for Southampton, Lt. J. G. L. Templer, 74th Highlanders, Mr A. Campbell Reddie, and Capt. Stolcken; for Singapore, Mr Varcol OPIUM,-New Patna, cash ... \$555 and Col. Dickin's native servant,

Per Yottung, for Swatow, 100 Chinese. SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Amoy reports : Left Shanghai on the 12th inst. at 2.80 a.m. Arrived in Ningpo same day at 4 p.m. Left Ningpo on the 13th at 5.30 p.m. From Ningpo to Lammocks variable winds and thick hazy weather, from thence to port fresh N.E. monsoon and cloudy and over-

cast sky. The German steamer Atalanta reports Had moderate monsoon and cloudy weather throughout. In Holhow and Hainan Strait very minty. In Haiphong harbour; S. S. America and Conquest, bound for

The British steamer Esmeralda reports Left Amoy on the 16th inst. Had light monsoon and hazy weather throughout, The British steamer Oceanic reports Left San Francisco Dec. 17th, experienced Southerly, S.W. and Westerly winds, with high head sea; arrived at Yokohama Jan. 9th at 2.20 a.m. Left Jan. 10th at 8 a.m. To Van Dieman Straits atrong Westerly and N.W. winds, thence to Turnabout light

variable winds, Turnabout to port light to fresh monsoon, overcast weather. Arrived here 17th inst. The British steamer America reports: While on passage from Hongkong to Haiphong, rescued two men chinging to a spar, whose boat had been capsized. The captain of the steamer very kindly cared for them, and forwarded them to their home by the steamer Atalanta. The men had been in

the water some 48 hours and were quite

helpless when picked up. Passed str. Con-

The Italian barque Afredo reports ! Good passage to the Eastern passage, strong montoon, heavy rain and sea from Pellew Isles to Pedro Blando, Spoke Abboy Cowper from Antworp to Hongkong, 147 days out, in the Pitt Passage, and Danish ship from Cardiff to Hongkong, in the Gillolo Passago.

POST OFFICE NOTICES. MAILS WILL CLOSE :-For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, AND

OALOUTTA. --Per Venibe, at 2.80 p.m., on Saturday; the 18th inst. Per Jupan, at 2.80 p.m., on Saturday, the 18th inst. For MANILA,=

Per Esmeralda, at 8.30 p.m., on Sature day, the 18th inct. For SAIGON .-Por Cassandra, at 4.30 p.m., on Saint. day, the 19th Inst.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:-

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOOHOW .-Per Kwangiung, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 18th inst. For SAIGON .--

Per Penedo, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 19th ibst. For MANILA .-Per schooner Nuevo Constante, at 2 p.m.,

on Tuesday, the 21st inst., instead

of as previously notified. For HOIHOW, with a mail for Pakhoi,--Per H.M.S. Magpie, at 2 p.m., on Thursday, the 23rd inst.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET .-

The British Contract Packet Mongolia will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 18th January, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Brindisi or Southampton; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B .- This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET .-

The French Contract Packet Iraouaddy will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 25th Instant, w.t. Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, vid Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India (via Madras), Australia, Now Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St, Helena, and Ascension,

HOURS OF CLOSING

THE CONTRACT MAILS, The following hours are observed in closing Malls, &c., by both the British and French Contract Packets :---

Day before departure,-5 P.M. -- Money Order Office closes ; Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX. which remains open all night,

Day of departure,-7 A.M. -- Post Office opens.

10 A.M. -- Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and

patterns ceases, 11 A.M. - Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

11.10 A.M.-Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents until 11.30 A.M. - when the Post Office Closes entirely. 11.40 A.M.-Late Letters may be posted

on board the packet with Late Fee of

18 cents until time of departure. MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET,-The Australian Contract Packet Normanby, will be despatched from Hongkong, on MONDAY, -the 27th instant, with Mails for Singapore, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tas-

mania, New Zealand, Fiji, and Melbourne. Correspondence cannot be Registered after 1.15 p.m.

The Mails will be closed at 1.30. Supplementary mail on board with 18 cents late fee till time of departure. Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia can be sent by this route if

desired, but as a general rule it is better to send it via Galle. Hongkong, Jan. 13, 1879.

Quotations. Hongkong, January 17, 1879. Old Patna, cash,... --

New Benares, cash, 525 Old Benares, cash, credit, -New Malwa, cash, 760 credit. ---Taels, — Allowance Old Malwa, cash, 770

credit, --Allowance Taels, ---Exchange. Bank, on demand, ... 80 days' sight, - ... 8/74 6 months' sight, Credits. Documentary, 6 months sight, 8/9 Bombay, demand Rupees, Calcutta, Shanghal, demand, Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., Gold Leaf, 991 fine English Sovereigns,

Australian Sovereigns, Shares. Hongkong Bank, 50 % prem, Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,600 China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,500 Yangtage Ins. Assoc., Tls. 720 Chinese Insurance Co., \$315 North China Ins. Co., Tis. 1,280 H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$800 China Fire Inc. Co., \$190 H.K. & W. Dock Co., par, H.K. C. & M. S. boat Co., \$3 dis. Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tis. 17 China Coast St. Nav. Co., Tis, 102 Hongkong Gas Co., \$80 Hongkong Hotel Co., \$65 China Sugar Refining Co., \$148 Chinese imperial Loan, £109 of 1877, £108/10, Do.

Temperature. Maken at Mesers Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.) Honexone, Tanuary 17, 1879. BAROMETER-1 P.M. ... 80.140 4 P.M. ... 80.098

1 P.M. ... 65 & P.Marts, ste Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.K. 1 P.M. Do. Do. 4 P, M, Do. Maximum Do, Minimum over pight

THERMOMETER-9 4. M.

CARGO.

Per Mongolia, for London, 9,695 boxes and 4,119 half-chests Tea, 665 bales Waste Silk, 117 bales Cocoons, 222 bales Silk, 46 cases Silk Piece Goods, and 1,186 pkgs. Sundries. For Continent, 300 boxes Tea, 214 bales Silk, 20 bales Wasto Silk, and 33 pkgs. Sundries. For New York, 182 bales

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping. Noon.-English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe,

3 p.m .- Japan and Venice leave for Singapore, &c. 4 p.m.—Esmeralda leaves for Manila.

5 p.m. - Nuevo Constante leaves Manila. Goods per Venice undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Auction. Noon.-Sale of Household Furniture, &c., at the residence of Measrs Olyphant & Co., No. 1, Albany,

Meeting. 9 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Lodge.

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, January 19:-Daylight. - Kwangtung leaves for Coast Ports. 8 a.m. - Kin-Shan leaves for Canton.

8 a.m.-Ichang leaves for Canton. Monday, January 20:

ca, by Messrs. Hughes & Legge, on or

about this date. Tuesday, January 21:-Goods per Tigre undelivered after Noon subject to rent and landing charges.

SATURDAY, January 25:-Noon.-French Mail leaves for Posts of Call and Europe.

Monday, January 27:-2 p.m. - Normanby leaves for Singapore, &c.

TUESDAY, January 28:-

Francisco.

2 p.m.—Sale of Effects, &c., at Mr Armstrong's Sales Rooms, WEDNESDAY, January 29 :--3 p.m.-Meeting of Shareholders of the

H., C. & M. Steamboat Co., Limited, at No. 50 A, Queen's Road. TUESDAY, February 4:-8 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s

Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JAN. 17, 1879.

His Excellency the Governor had very little to say in favour of the Central School yesterday. Whether Mr Hennessy considers that, as the School is Government institution, its praises cannot, with becoming modesty, be sung by himself, or whether His Excellency really does find an uncongenial and depressing atmosphere around him when he enters the doors of the building, we are unable to say, but it is certain that our respected Governor appears to lose at the Central School that glowing satisfaction with things in general and his burroundings in particular, which has distinguished him while visiting some of the sectarian educational establishments in the Colony. It may be that His Excellency is of opinion that the Central School is sufficiently well lauded by the community at large to render unnecesmary any exhibition of the manifold virtues of the institution on his part, and we must confess that the praises of the establishment; and of its Head Master, have been meted out in no stinted measure since Mr Hennessy's arrival. But if every occasion has been seized by the community and the press during the last two years to remind the public of the sterling value of the institution, it was because a certain amount of danger to the School was scented, not so much in the renewed attacks upon it by its avowed enemies in the Colony, who happily

are but few in number, as in the refer-

ences made to the institution by His Excellency, and the singular delays that have taken place in the execution of the schemes for its improvement.

"During the last twelve months there

has been in the acquisition of colloquial

English satisfactory progress in this School." These appear to be the only words of praise bestowed by His Excellency upon the school in the whole course of his speech. His hearers responded to them with "Applause," A great deal was, however, made of the increased teaching of English in the Government, schools of the Colony, and deservedly so. It is one of those matters in which His Excellency has earned some credit for himself; he discovered the amount of English that was being taught in the Central School; came to the conclusion that it was not sufficient, and, backed up by almost the entire community, he has, after about a year's hard and anxious labour, succeeded in effecting arrangements by which it is hoped the Chinese in the Colony will be induced to dabble a little more deeply in the "heathen" tongue. Any way, we believe that orders have been given to considerably extend the time devoted to English studies in the Central School, while two native teachers of English at least, have been appointed to the Central or the other Government schools in the Colony. His Excellency can score this matter as a success among his numerous other schemes of which, to put it mildly, the Colony has not approved. This campaign of Mr Hennessythis bloodless struggle in favour of the + Noon.—Offers of Bottomry on Flensborg | English tongue, has been a genuine triumph, and we cannot blame His Ex-Sale of the Iron Screw Steamship Ameri- cellency for making the most of it in his speech of yesterday. It ran through the whole of his remarks; in fact, it may be that His Excellency had so much to say upon this important topic that the few words of praise he intended to bestow on the Central School were "crowded out," or escaped his memory. If, however, Mr Hennessy was sparing in his praise of the school he was fairly liberal in his blame. This School-in

regard to which "the Government has grudged no expense," but, on the contrary, "it incurred for it last year a larger expenditure than has hitherto been incurred in the history of the Colony,"-can teach neither Chemistry nor Geometry. Happily this is not a fault that need cause uneasiness. We really do not see why a Government School in this Colony supported from the public funds, should teach more than the rudiments of either of the above subjects. Mr Stewart who, His Excellency said, had to learn Chemistry for the purpose of teaching it, is, we believe, an M. A. of one of the Home universities, and if he could successfully pass all the examinations necessary to obtain degrees, stamping himas a thoroughly and highly educated European gentleman, without more than a "superficial" knowledge of Chemistry it is really difficult to see why we should worry ourselves to introduce any elaborate or special arrangements for teaching the science in a public elementary school in this Colony. The Government here is not called upon to devote the public money to the manufacture of chemists, or celebrated geometricians. It seems to to us that what may be called a popular, or, in other words, a superficial, knowledge of Chemistry or Geometry is all that a Government can be expected to impart in its schools in a Colony like Hongkong, and if the present masters of the School are not already competent to impart such a knowledge, with the aid of the text books at their command, it seems to us they could very quickly render themselves competent for the task, without the aid of a large amount of talent or the development of a large amount of energy. It is the work of colleges and private instruction to turn out chemists and geometricians, and not of public elementary schools supported out of the public purse. The Board schools at Home do not, we presume, keep laboratories and special teachers for the benefit of the few pupils who want to acquire more than a superficial knowledge of Chemistry and Geometry. The boys ought of course to be able to answer questions on the lessons they have been studying | but we heard it stated yesterday that His Excellency happened to ask questions on a particular branch of the subject which the boys had not studied. It appears to us that all the Chemistry required in the Central School is a few good text books of the science, which is the most extensive of all studies, in a popular way, and an occasional reading of these books, accompanied with some intelligent explanse

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS:

tions, and possibly a few experiments.

(Supplied to the "China Mart.")

London; 15th January, 1878 The Midland Institute, Birmingham, has been totally destroyed by Fire.

(Per E. E. A. & O. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

Panis, 16th January, 1879, Tseng has been received by the President of the Republic and presented his Credens

Excitement has been caused in minitterial circles by the resignation of the Misnister of War and the appointment of Ger neral Gresley in his stead.

Bombay, 15th January, 1879. Despatches from Khost state that General Roberts has garrieoned the Fort, and provisioned it for two months

British.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Tue delivery of the American Mail was begun at 9.25 this morning.

H. M. S. TRANSPORT Himalaya was to leave England for Hongkong direct on the 21st December.

WE hear, on good authority, that Mr Tonnochy will be appointed Colonial Treasurer, with a seat in the Legislative Council.

WE were incorrect in styling Mr Duggan, the second clerk of the Police Department, as Chief Interpreter; it should have been Volunteer Interpreter of the Fire Brigade.

soners released from Gaol the other day by two-thirds of their sentence, in accordance with the regulation scale of remission.

in the French steamer Amazone on 26th

THE charge against one Ng Kong Toong, a soldier from Kowloon City, for attempting to carry off by force a woman named Chung Akiu, came on for hearing again to-day, andwas further remanded till Thursday, the 24th instant.

AT the Marine Court to-day Yune Ahow, a boatman, no license, and the Masters of boats No. 3404, 4192, and 319 were charged with obstructing the navigation of the S. S. Atalanta by hooking on to her before she came to an anchor. Defendants fined \$2 each or 3 days' hard labour,

Chan How Yon, boatman, No. 3459, was charged with obstructing the navigation of the S. S. Fottung, and was dealt with in a similar manner.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR and Mrs Hennessy examined the Government School for Girls (Queen's Road West) to-day. Mrs Hennessy personally inspected the needlework, &c., while the Governor examined the girls in dictation &c. The Inspector of Schools having examined the pupils in repetition, the sum usually awarded in prizes to the pupils was distributed amongst the most deserving of the girls, for needlework and other school work. Fifty-nine pupils, the daughters mostly of well-to-do. Chinese parents, came up for examination; and the Governor expressed himself as well satisfied with the results.

Sheriff (Mr Sangster) paid an early visit this morning to the shipping, starting from Pedder's Wharf at half past five o'clock in the Health Officer's steam-launch. His object was to execute a warrant for debt on a Mr Hall, late of the Bank of Sau Francisco, a passenger expected by the O. & O. S. S. Oceanio. As the steamer was passing Into harbour, Mr Sangster boarded stringent provisions of the new Opium her, arrested the delinquent and brought him ashore. We understand the writ be strictly enforced. was for \$36,000, the amount that the Bank in question was supposed to have lost through the absconding debtor. We learn that the defendant was brought before His Lordship the Chief Justice to-day, to be asked why he should not give security for the amount, and that the case is adjourned until Monday next, pending instructions from the head office of the Bank, in England. The defendant has therefore been lodged in the debtors' gaol until an answer can be received. An interim attachment of the defendant's property (supposed to be about \$5,000 to \$7,000 in gold) was in the me nwhile applied for and granted. Mr Brereton was the solicitor in the case, acting for Mr Crombie of the Oriental Bank, on behalf of the Bank of San Francisco. The debtor is a young man of very prepossessing appearance; on board the Oceanic he went by the name of John Burrows.

Chinese New Year is approaching, and with it its usual desfening oracker-firing, Our Great Fire is still fresh in our recollection; but it is really wonderful how we have hitherto escaped serious configrations Obinese New Year's time. In every narrow lane and street, as well as the wider thoroughfares, the atmosphere then teems with flying sparks of fire, and burning paper 4 while lighted joss sticks and candles are to be found at the doors of every wretched wooden hovel. Meanwhile hosts of men, women and children jostle each other along the streets; some bent on sightseeing, some on business, many on plunder, and not a few on mischief. Amongst these latter will generally be found numbers of Europeans, who good-naturedly enough amuse themselves by throwing prackers and bombs into open windows and doors as they pass along, tying crackers to the quette of some calcottal brother in order to enjoy the sport of seeing him run, These rollickers doubtless learnt this latter bustime whilst boys, with dogs or eats for

victims. The danger of such fun, however, adds to the general risk of a severe conflagration. Yet, despite the amount of wood-work in and around the houses, and the narrow streets, we escape any such disaster. Still the danger is none the less serious, and it is only right that extra precautions should be taken.

THERE is one thing in which the Chinese have discovered the Governor to be their match-in diplomacy; and when this quality is exercised in the true interests of the Colony, it gives us pleasure to note His Excellency's success. It would be a very desirable thing if we were able to record a few more such victories on the part of Mr Hennessy. Be this as it may, it has been WE have been informed that all the pri- reserved for the present Governor to secure a higher price for the Oplum Farm in H. E. the Governor had fully served the Hongkong than has ever yet been obtained for that monopoly. If half be true that we have heard on the subject, the sea of intrigue, falsehood, overreachings, and finesse | disorderly. - The first defendant MR Fred. Stewart, head master of the that has been successfully waded through by Government Central School, and inspector | the head of the Government on this occasion of schools, will leave home for Hongkong has been wide and deep. As we have previously stated, this was to have been expected. When Chinese have a famous opportunity of making money, or when they are likely to lose hold of a favourable means of so doing, all the powers of cunning and chicanery of which the Celestial nature is capab'e are called into the most active operation. So has it been in this case; but so determined has Mr Hennessy stood his ground on this occasion that he has won the race "with hands down." Opposing interests of the strongest kind having appeared upon the scene, the game was probably much more simple than it might otherwise have been; but the result has satisfactorily proved the correctness of Mr Hennessy's views on the subject, as well as the possibility of attaining his object even when the strongest Chinese interests are arrayed against him. It is said that the competition of the Saigon and Hongkong rivals was of the most refreshing description. Even some of the leading foreign residents, however, began to fear that the price was being unduly forced, when the sum approached two hundred thousand, and that the trade in prepared opium might be driven away altogether from the Colony. which is occupied by the Russians. As a last change the Salgon capitalist sugbe sent in, to be opened in the presence of the result was that, while the Hongkong capitalists hazarded a bid of \$201,000 for one year, the Saigon Farmer had offered \$205,000 for three years. The Farm the fore falls into the hands of Tan King Sing, who now farms the preparation of the drug in Singapore and the Straits in Saigon, and in Hongkong. The sum formerly realized under this head of revenue was not more than \$132,000, the present rent being therefore an increase of \$73,000 per annum for three years. based upon the condition that the more

> A HOME paper contains the following reference to the complimentary remarks made at Government House by the Marquis Tseng

> Farm Ordinance should become law, and

when passing through Hongkong :-Governor Hennessy has received a signal compliment to his administration of affairs at Hongkong. The newly-appointed Chinese Minister to England and France. at a banquet given by the Governor stated that Mr Hennessy's impartial and excellent government has comented the friendly feeling between England and China. The Minister added that he regarded the friends and enemies of England as the friends and enemies of China. After this Mr Hennessy can afford to bear the displeasure his protection of the natives has excited in the minds of a few ferocious colonists."

THE Overland China Mail, for to-morrow's English Mail (10 pp.), contains :-

Editorial Articles, -Sunday Observance Fire and its Lessons, City Hall Museum, How they do these things in China, Tiger Scare, Trade Guilds in China, Cur-

nefit, The Year 1878, Ohinese Notes, Sunday Observance, Sunday Labour in Hongkong, Comparative Statistics, Hongkong, Batoum, awaits trial for malversation. The Spanish Treaty with China, Great Wm. Pustau, Supreme Court, Police Int the Rhodope refugees. telligence, Prize day at the Central School; Total Loss of the Portuguese Barque Ventus quest, Meeting, Latest R uter's Telegrams, Commercial Summary, Manila, Correspondence, Hoazing Japanese Ufflcials, Shipping Intelligence.

Police Intelligence. (Before C V. Creagh, Esq.) 17th January, 1879.

ASSAULTING THE POLICE. assaulting a policeman in the execution of on India. his duty. It would appear that the 8th defendant had a quarrel with another man in the street at Youmshil, and P. C. 496 was in the act of arresting him when the other five mon endeavoured to re oue him. The first five defendants were ordered to

pay a fine of \$1 each and to pay 30 cents | England and South of Wales District Bank | nine days before time, and letters from | in meddling with | matters which he does sixth was ordered to pay a fine of \$1 and good behaviour.

Lo Akan, a coolie, was charged by Detective Sergeant Toomey with being in the unlawful possession of an iron hinge, which he had wrested off the gate of the Old Civil Hospital. He was caught in the act. Sergeant Toomey said that he believed Messrs David Sassoon & Co, were the owner of the building, the hinge was worth about 50 cents. The defendant was convicted of larceny and sent to 2 months' hard labour.

Tang A-u, a hawker, was sent to 6 months' hard labour for stealing a basket containing property valued at \$7. His defence was that he had "mistaken" the basket for one he had lost and therefore took" it.

Emamey and two others, natives Culcutta and cooks on board the S. Japan, were charged with being drunk and discharged, the other two being fixed 50

John Edwards, a seaman belonging to the British ship Sydenham, was fined 50 cents for being drunk and incapable.

INNOCENCE. - Un Amo, a coolie, was charged with being in the unlawful possession of some 7 lbs. of agreed. The latter however decisively stated opium. Mr John Lebury, a gunner, in the employ of the P. & O. Company, said that he did duty in the godowns. There were some broken cases of Matwa opium now in the Company's godowns. The defendant said, that "If war breaks out, we shall was a coolie there, but he (witness) could not say whether or not there was any opium

Defendant stated, in defence, that coolie had given him the opium at the door of the godown, and told him he might take it home. Fined \$25 or two months' hard

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN

MAIL. By the O. & O. S. S. Oceanic, Captain Metcalfe, we have San Francisco files to the 17th Dec. We cut the following

TELEGRAMS. Va'paraiso, Dec. 13.—The British barque Thalia, Captain McMurty, from Glasgow, August 28th, for Honolpiu, foundered at sea. Part of the crew landed here.

London, Dec. 13. The Queen is indisstates that Chinese troops in Kashgar are

concentrating to operate against old Kuldji, London, Dec. 15 .- A correspondent at gested that a final sealed tender should Pesth telegraphs that the reports that a new Anglo Turkish Convention is about to be concluded are becoming more and more both parties. This was done to-day, and consistent. A tele ram front Constantinople, however, states that Lord Salisbury

has not answered Sir Austen Layard, concerning the guarantee of the proposed Turkish loan. condition of the Grand Duchess was hopeless, and sent secret messages to that effect to England. Symptoms of suffocation appeared at 1 o'clock on Saturday morning, but were temporarily removed. The Grand

Duke was then induced to leave the room,

but his mother remained administering to

the Princess until the last. The Grand

Ducal Court and Hesse Darmstadt generally will go into mourning for 12 weeks. London, Dec. 15 .- General Roberts tele-The final offers of both tenderers were graphs, under date of Thursday, as follows: "We have finished a reconnaisance to the top of Shutar-Gordan pass and returned to Ali Khil without firing a shot. The country is friendly. I am rapidly fortifying

Peiwar Pass Camp." for Khurum to-day. General Browne has knew it-will have passed away too. The sent a Sikh regiment back from Dakka to old festival will have become a remembrance Peshawur, on account of sickness. General of the past, a remembrance coupled with

Khojack pass unopposed. stands that General Browne's advance on anxiety to the community at large, and Jelallabad has commenced and meets with when the occasional honesty of the native no opposition. It is impossible that the servant led us to form a higher opinion of Turkistan reinforcements which the Ameer | him than we have at the present time. is reported to be intriguing for will arrive

Candia, Crete, Dec. 16.-The Eastern Telegraph Company's Superintendent here, William Anderson, an Englishman, and a native employe of the company, were murdered outside the gates of the city on Saturday evening. Mr Sandwith, British Consul, is investigating the outrage.

Odessa, Dec. 16 - at a meeting of shareholders of the Odessa Commercial Bank, to-day, it was decided to go into liquida-

Constantinople, Dec. 16.-The Russian authorities at Constantinople have sold in Hon kong, A Gaol Delivery, The Great immense quantities of grain and a large number of horses. It is stated that they lost intend to evacuate the city in January, The Turks have expelled some insurgent

bands from Novi Basar District. General Articles. - The Hongkong Opium | Austria has asked permission to appoint Form, Mr H. Vernon's Farewell Be- an agent in Novi Bagar, to observe the movements of the insurgents.

Dervich Pasha, formerly Commandant at London, Dec. 16 .- In the House of Com-Fire in Shanghai, The Control of the Lie mone, to-night, Sir George Campbell requor Traffic, Great Fire at Osaka, Theft of | merked that the Porte, is still able to largely aluable Cheques in Japan, Trade Statistics import munitions of war from America; of the Philippines for 1877, The Failure of although it professed its inability to relieve

> Stanhope, Under Secretary for India, moved a resolution that the consent of the House be given in the defrayal of the benoted that the fleet now consisted of forty-Afghan war expenses from the Indian. revenues. He said the Government hoped subsidiary vessels, with an aggregate tonand believed that the war would remain a mage of 119,779 tons, and 20,731-horse mere frontier war.

> Farcett moved an amendment to the effect that the proposal was unjust. Gladstone assended the amendment. declaring that the proposal invited the their ships, their distant voyages to the House to entirely abdicate its control over the direction of the war:

After several minor apeeches, Bir Stafford Ng Atak and 5 others were charged with Northcote declared that it was not intended assaultion one Li Akun; and further with to charge the whole military expenditure The debate was adjourned.

Brankfort on-the-Main, Doc. 16 .- Karl Ferdinand Gutekow, the German dramatic poet, is dead:

amends each to the complainant, and the shows that the whole capital and reserve fund has been lost, and there is a further enter his own recognizance in \$1" to be of deficiency of a million and a half dollars, for which the shareholders are liable, There is no possibility of the reconstruction

> of the Bank. the Khuram column reports that a predatory tribe attacked on Sunday the rear guard of a convoy east of Sapleri Pass. General Roberts sent two regiments, which rescued the convoy. Two British officers were severely wounded, two Ghoorkas were killed and twelve Ghoorkas and one Highlander wounded. General Roberts has summoned the Chief of Khuram to answer for the outrage. It is feared that three

Japan.

It is now reported that Mr Manabusa, th Japanese Envoy to Korea, had an interview with the head Custom's officer at Fusan or the 3rd inst. He demanded explanations a to why the Korean Government imposed duties other than those mentioned in the treaties, to which the officer had no answer to give, but simply said that such was the order of his Government. Hanabusa then argued that it was unjust that such a tarif should be imposed and that it ought to be revised at once—upon this, the Korean officer said that he would report the matter to his Government and asked for a postponement of the question for 20 days, as he would receive an answer from his Government by that time; to this, Hanabusa that if the Korean Government should violate the treaty, he would be obliged to have recourse to arms. The Korean officer did not appear to be alarmed at this, but simply take to flight." On the 23rd inst. the next interview was to take place.

General Kawaji, the chief Superintendent of Police, on the 28th inst., was ordered by the Council of State to proceed to Europe on

government business.

H. E. Kuroda, the Minister of the Colonization Department, has arrived Kolsakoff after a very dangerous passageowing to the boisterous weather. His visit is for the purpose of inspecting the manner in which the natives there protect themselves from the severe cold, in order to introduce the practice to the Hokkaido. is said to have already engaged Russian carpenters to build houses in their style in the island of Yezo. We once heard from a gentleman long resident in Yezo, of the way in which the hunters and farmers away from the coast are in the habit of sleeping in the winter. large and thickly padded futon is raised in the centre some four or five feet over a bed of live embers sunk in the floor; each London, Dec. 15 .- The Turkistan Gazette individual as he retires for the night, divests himself of every stitch of clothing and creeps in under the futon, in this way some thirty or forty persons will sleep in the same room. The Russians, as is well known, sleep on brick ovens.

But a few years ago, when the Japanese

Government decided on adopting the Western calendar as the nation's future guide to the march of time, there were many who predicted, that according to the new order of things, this festival of festivals amongst the Japanese would be observed only in such Darmstadt, Dec. 15.—As early as Friday | matters as pertained to the business relations morning the physicians recognized that the of the people. It was argued that, the day which would otherwise have lasted for of the New Year, according to the old lunar Years, reckoning, which had been handed down from almost countless generations, would be so firmly fixed in every household-closely connected as it was with their religious rites -that the time-honoured associations would be too powerful for a thorough and complete change to take place in the calendar for a generation at the least. How completely these predictions have failed is now known to most of us. In the interior, in some places remote from the open ports, the New Year according to the old calendar of Japan, is still observed with some show of commemoration, but every year with less earnestness. We think that we may safely predict, that ere another decade has passed General Roberts was to leave Ali Khil away, the shoquatsu-as foreigners first Biddulph has constructed a road over the the time when we employed none but European compositors; when two-sworded A correspondent at Peshawur under- men and nibukin were the sources of much

(Gazette.)

We regret to hear of the loss of the fine schooner owned and commanded by Captain Wills. From the information received it appears that on the 26th November the vessel struck a reef lying about six miles north-east of Tarako, whereupon she was put on the rooks at Chikosan with a view to saving life, and such portion of the property as would otherwise have been totally lost by the foundering of the schooner. As it was, only a small quantity of the gear was saved; the vessel herself, about twelve hundred koku of seaweed on hoard at the time, and all the effects of the crew were

The shipwrecked party made their way to Nemoro, via the islands off the east coast of Yesso, and probably an interesting narrative of their escape may soon be forthcoming.

THE P. AND U. MEETING.

The annual meeting of this company was held on the 3rd inst, at the offices in Leade hall street ! Mr Fane de Salis, the chalrman, presidings

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, said he would offer a few observations on the chief topics of interest adverted to in the report. From its first page it would four sea-going steamships, besides fourteen power. It was gratifying to the directors to be able to report its continued state of high efficiency, and that, notwithstanding the wide expanse of opean traversed by most remote part of the wurld had under Providence been marked by a continuation of that immunity from maritime catastrophe so long vouchsafed to them, and which had earned for their lines the confidence as well while on their Australian line this had in such a position must slways be tempered Investigating Committee on the West of instance the mails had arrived in Melbourne | nudeserved, He authors for his presumption

quently steaming round the Isle of Wight trade of India and Australia, it would be strengthened. pleasing to them to know that her sea-going qualities, her general structure, fittings, and spacious cabins elicited high approval and encomiums. The reinforcement of the fleet to ensure the efficient performance of the new contract had received the anxious attention of the board, and with this view the ships named in the report were in process of being reboilered and refitted, Two new ships, the Verona and Ancona, had also been ordered, and their construction entrusted to Caird and Co., of Greenock. They would possess high speed as well as large carrying powers. The existing low price of iron also would sensibly reduce their cost and render them chean ships. They would note that since last year the names of three ships had disappeared from the list of the fleet, having been sold out of the service, namely, the Nubia, the Bombay, and the Orissa. The proceeds of the sale of the two first ships appeared in the accounts, but the sale of the Orisaz, having been made subsequent to Sept. 30 last, would appear in next year's accounts. The prices realised for these ships were low, but to re-engine and refit them would simply have been to throw money away, as they were unsuited for the business of the company. Passing to the accounts, they would observe that with a view of maintaining the fleet in its efficiency £250,000 had been carried to the repair and renewal account. Owing to the large expenditure rendered necessary to ensure the due performance of the new contract, this sum would probably be insufficient during the coming year, but on an average of years it would suffice," while to cover the auticipated extra expenditure there stood to the credit of the account a balance of £97,000. The sum of £300,000, had also been appropriated to cover insurance and depreciation; and in conformity with the course adopted at the last annual meeting a further sum of £100,000 had been applied for the same purpose. These appropriations, though large, were necessary to put the fleet at its right value in the books, and thus to preclude their assets being overvalued. Two years ago the fleet stood at £25 per ton, and although it had now been reduced to £20, this was still a high valuation, which invited further reduction, It was only in this way-namely, by writing the ships down to their fair market valuethat it was possible to correct the effects upon their business of the opening of the Canal, which, as already frequently explaiced, had inflicted great loss on the company not only by the changes it had caused in the commerce of the Easterbut more particularly by rendering unsuitable for their trade, and thus depreciating, ships

DUMMY DIRECTORS. (Examiner.) . It should never be forgotten that fraudulent Directors could scarcely exist were it not for the presence in their midst of Dummy Directors, who are practically as calp :ble as the actual thieves. It is sta ed. and we believe on undoubted authority. that, a short time prior to the stoppage of the City of Glasgow Bank, one of the Directors suggested at a Board meeting that the stock of bullion held by the Bank against notes in circulation should be counted and verified. This was the act of a Dummy Director awakening to a sense of the responsibilities of his position. The suggestion was met, however, by the chairman with an outburst of indignation. He characterised it as nothing short of au insult to their manager, who was then present, and in whose probity, he said, all had reason to have the utmost faith.

deeply aggrieved did he personally feel at the proposition, that he found he could not continue in the position be occupied unless the offending member of the Board tendered at once a most humble apology. The wretched Dummy, of course, caved in, and no doubt, felt that he committed a gave error in making such a proposition. In this little anecdots we have the root

of all the evil. A Bank is founded, and one or two shrewd men of business get upon the Board of Direction, the rest being titled nonentities, or men whose only recommendation is the length of their purse. Then a clever manager is found to work the concern, and the whole affair soon resolves itself into a benefit society for the manager and his friends. Personal governi ment established, the manager and the two or three active and uncorupulous directors issue their decrees, which are endorsed by their dummy colleagues, and appear as the acts of a united Board. Under this system. the temptation to abuse of power and betrayal of trust is often overwhelming. The shrewd directors are probably merchants; and, having acquired unlimited and unquestioned control over vast sums of money not their own, it is only natural they should use them for their own and their friends' advantage. They obtain large "advances," either upon bad security, or upon none at all, which is simply a polite way of saying that they share the spoil between them. From one act of questionable morality they are led on to another. Appatite grows by what it feeds on ! their dumb and confiding colleagues know nothing of business, and lend their names without a murmur to acts which, if they were rightly understood, would strike them with horror and diamay. The officials, of course, dars not say anything. Those who know the internal working of a bank are aware how difficult it would be for a subofficer to oppose the proceedings of his superlors. And so things go on until, at last, growing reckless with long impunity, the whole of the capital and deposits are swallowed up, and the poor Dummies as the support of the public. During the find themselves placed in the dock along past year the mails had been conveyed with | with the unscrupulous knaves who have remarkable punctuality. On this side they played upon their ignorance. Whatever had arrived in many instances before time, pity we may feel for the Dummy Director London, Dec. 16 .- The report of the invariably been the case. In one particular with the reflection that his disgrace is not

London had been delivered there in the not understand, and for occupying a post unexampled short period of thirty-five days for which he is unfitted, and this, in itself, -(hear, hear)-thus evidencing not alone is a species of dishonesty for which punishthe efficiency of their ships on the Australian ment is due. When Dummy Directors line, but proving that, notwithstanding all | cease to exist, fraudulent Directors will find that had been said and written to the it hard to ply their trade. Shareholders London, Dec. 17 .- A correspondent with | contrary, the line via Suez was incontest | should bear this in mind, and should insist ably the best for purposes of postal com- on those persons only being appointed to munication with Australia. Since they last look after their interests who are competent met the Kaisar-i-Hind had taken her place to fulfil the task. It would also diminish in the active list of the fleet. This fine the chances of fraudulent appropriation of steamship—the largest yet built by the deposits if a rule were adopted and rigidly company—on her trial trip realised upwards enforced of limiting seats at the Board to a of fifteen and a-half knots (equal to nearly | definite term, and prohibiting the immediate nineteen statute miles) per hour. Subse- re-election of retiring Directors. By this means, the possibility of turning the Board with several of the directors, accompanied into a clique would be entirely removed, powerful tribes will combine against the by a party consisting chiefly of men of and the position of the Bank, with rescience and persons connected with the gard to the public, would be materially

Dead Letters.

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routh, 1 Drew, John, Melbourne, Australia, Dumont, Mrs. H. L., Post Office, Hongkong, 1 Eyerest, James, Barque Elizabeth Ostle.

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The above letters have been returned from various places at which the addressees cannot be found. If not claimed within ten days they will be opened and returned to the writers.

General Post Office, Hongkong, 15th January, 1879.

COMMERCIAL.

The market for Bengal opium has been fairly active during the latter part of the closing fortnight. Though the rate for both descriptions declined prior to the arrival of the steamers, the delay in the arminglof one of them stiffened the rates and advanced. particularly for Patna. Subsequently, however, the rate for it receded, and has since kept steady, with the transaction of a large business, perhaps to supply the markets in the interior prior to the New-year holidays. Benares also has been dealt in to a pretty fair extent. The present quotations are \$550 for Patna and \$525 to \$5271 for Benares.

The receipts for the month, so far, aggregate 4,324 chests, against 3,277 chests to the corresponding date last year. During the interval under notice some 1,200 chests have been taken by the local consumers. against 700 chests at the corresponding period last year. This, with the exportations, leaves the available supply computed at 3,600 chests, against a similar quantity same time last year, of which 1,100 chests were Benares, the present stock of which is 500 chests.

Shipping Intelligence. The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, do :-VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

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Intimations.

SAILOR'S HOME.

Cant-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sallor's Home, West Point, Hongkong, July 20, 1878.

> NOTICE. THE CHINESE MAIL.

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Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

The Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr Leong Yook Chur, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which tinder its new regime will be found to be, as hitherto, an ex-cellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager it able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM, Lesses of the Hongkong Chinese Mail Hopgions, April 6, 1879,

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

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Men-of-war in Hongkong Harbour.

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